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: Determination of "Aust-Know" for Access to Ultra-Ecusitive Projects Managed by OEA

- At the moment a policy paper is on the deak of Dr. Cheryk eventting his signature. This paper enunciates the overall Security policy for the HRP.
- 2. With regard to the responsibility for determining "must-know" the following persoraph appears:

Approval of must-know for all individuals associated with the MRP will be made by the Director, Mational Reconnaissance Office (DMRO) and specifically designated senior Program officials. Employees and officials of U. S. Government departments, agencies and offices who are not directly involved in the MRP but for whom access to MRP project information is deemed assential, must be approved by the DMRO or his designee. This includes policy officials of the U. S. Government who require aboutedge of the reconnaissance effort but not the specific details of the separate projects.

- 3. It is presumed that the aforesentioned Security policy paper will be signed by Dr. Charyk in the immediate future and accordingly will be law. I suggest that we should consider how this particular paragraph will affect the manner in which we operate.
- Since 1995 OGA and its predecessor units of CIA have been the final authority in determining who should be briefed into Projects I. C. A or O. OGA authority in this area, of course, was always subject to the concurrence of Mr. Rissell when he was the ID/F and higher authority in the Agency. At the present time all requests for Security approval for access to these four programs are processed through the Geography Branch, OGA, which unit effects necessary coordination with the candidate and indicates whether or not the Office concurs that the candidate for clearance possess baset-know.
- Description of the Security policy paper quoted in paragraph 2 above deals with two categories of candidates for project clearance. These categories are treated separately below:

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- Approval of mist-know for all individuals associated with the MMP will be made by the Director, National Recommaissance Office (DMM) and specifically designated senior Program officials. It is presumed that Colonel Jack Ledford will be specifically designated by the DMMO as an approving authority for all individuals actually participating in Projects I, A, C & O. It is further second that the Security Branch will continue to senitor the processing of elegrance requests to insure the existence of "smat-know for such individuals. It would appear, however, that the MMO staff (in the name of DMMO) will be smabled to approve "must-know" for any individuals in this estempty without obtaining the prior concerned of OSA, (e.g., DMMO can approve Project "O" clearances for all members of the staff of MMO).
- Employees and offices who are not directly involved in the HRF but for whee access to ARF project information is deemed essential, that he approved by the MRF or his designee. This isolates policy officials of the U. S. Covernment who require knowledge of the recommandation and the specific details of the separate projects. This segment of the paragraph in question indicates that officials of the U. S. Government not directly involved in the will be approved as to mest-know by the DRFO or his designee. It is hoped that Colonel Jack Ledford will be identified as the designee of the DRFO for this purpose. Otherwise, it would be mesossary for this Agency to obtain the mast-know approval of the DRFO before we could brief, for example, a Congression, an official of the Bureau of the Budget, an official of the White House staff, as official of the State Department, etc.
- E. In any event since the DERO possesses approval authority for determining "must-know" for Projects I, C, A & O and since there is no requirement that OSA be informed of the individuals subsequently cleared, the OEA will not necessarily be kept apprised of various Government officials being briefed into these ultre-sensitive programs caless it is desired to establish a control mechanism whereby we will be informed periodically of the individuals recently briefed.
- 7. It is suggested that all recipients of this memorandum who feel that the probable change in the final authority for determining "must-know will affect their particular area of responsibility communicate such

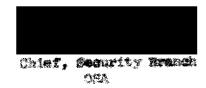
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